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Supervisor Murphy Answers Our Questions

The Press herewith prints the statement of Supervisor D. J. Murphy in which he answers the questions put up to him by the Press last week. It affords this paper real pleasure to print Mr. Murphy's answers to our questions because it sustains in every particular the attitude which this paper has maintained on the water supply question and is a recognition of the importance which this question has assumed during the past year. While the prospective sale of the Spring Valley Water company to the city has made it much easier to take a stand on this question, it is a matter of congratulation to our people that both the candidates for Supervisor have found it advisable to take a strong stand for the rights of the people of our district on this all important question. It is a greater victory for the people than would be the county patronage for us. Mr. Murphy's statement is as follows:

Livermore, Cal, Aug. 15th, 1912
Mr. Chris Runckel,
Niles, Cal.

Dear Sir:—

You have propounded a series of questions to me, and though these questions were asked without giving me an opportunity to furnish a reply at the same time that the questions were published, I take great pleasure in answering said questions. I recognize the right of every voter of the First Supervisorial District to ask me questions as to my stand upon all public matters and I am glad to be able to answer your series of questions, and I feel quite sure that you will give the answers the same publicity that you gave the questions.

Question No. 1—Do you favor or

will you oppose the building of storage dams by the Spring Valley Water Company?

Answer—I do not favor and will oppose the building of storage dams by the Spring Valley or any other Water Company.

Question No. 2—Do you favor or will you as Supervisor oppose the increasing of the amount of water which the Spring Valley is now taking out of the Pleasanton gravel beds?

Answer—I do not favor and I will oppose as Supervisor in every way that it is possible to do the taking of any more water from any portion of the gravel beds or water sheds of any portion of the First Supervisorial District or of Alameda County.

Question No. 3—Do you favor or will you as Supervisor oppose the increasing of the amount of water which the Peoples Water Company is now taking at Alvarado?

Answer—I do not favor and I will oppose as Supervisor allowing the Peoples Water Company increasing the amount of water which they are now taking from Alvarado.

Question No. 4—Do you favor or will you as Supervisor oppose the development of a new supply in either township?

Answer—I most unqualifiedly do not favor and I most assuredly will oppose in every way in my capacity as Supervisor the development of any new sources of such supply in either township.

Question No. 5—Will you as Supervisor aid in a movement to compel the Peoples Water Company or the Spring Valley Water Company to limit the amount it shall take to what it has acquired a prescriptive right to take by reason of its having taken it for the period prescribed by law?

Answer—I will be glad to give my aid to such a movement and I will not confine such a movement to the two water companies mentioned but I would like to have that movement include the Union Water Company and the United Properties Company and the individuals who are operating for these corporations. I do not hold any interest in any of such corporations and I have not sold any land or aided in the transfer of any land to such corporations.

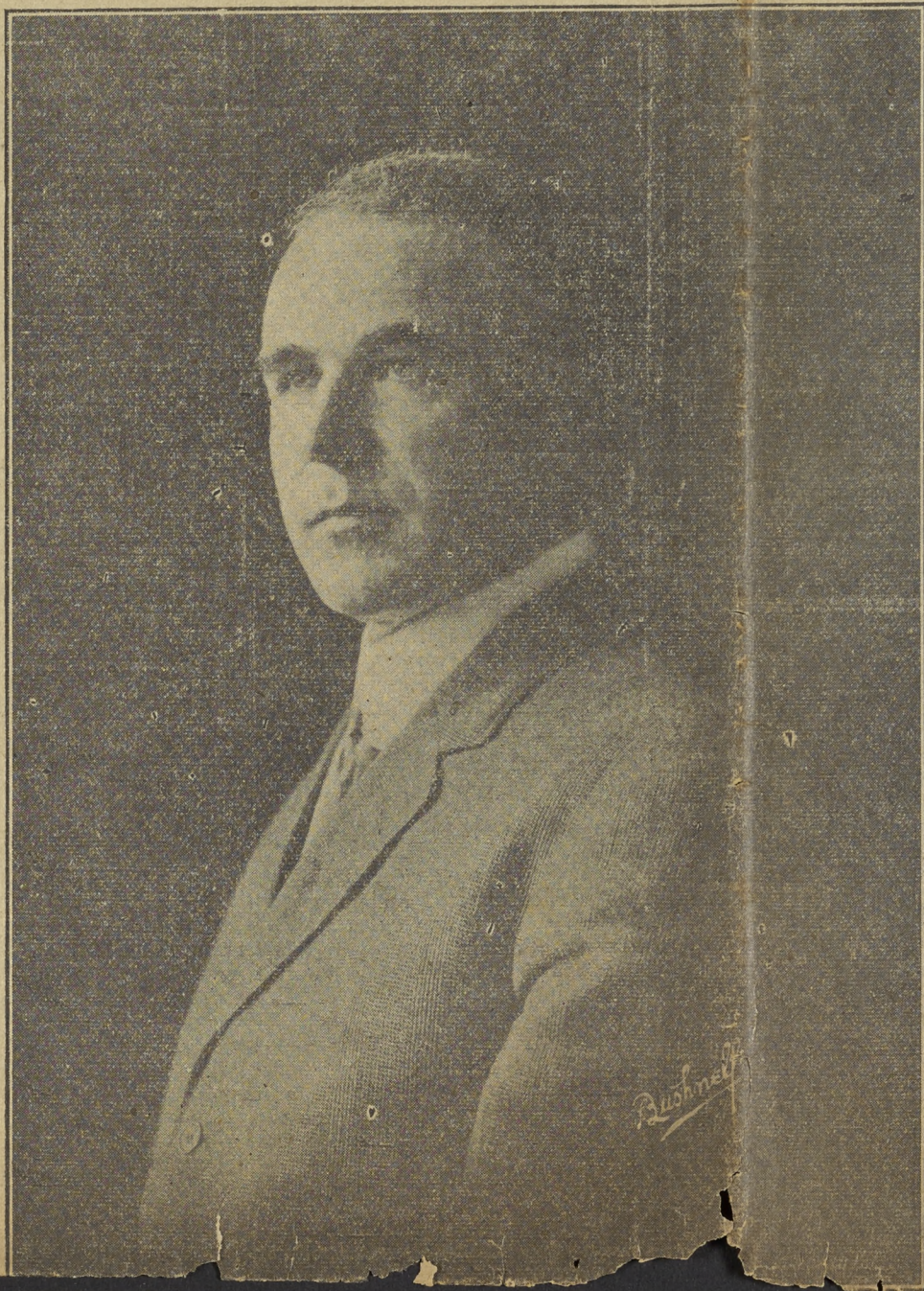
Question No. 6—Will you as Supervisor favor action by the county officials that will provide for the collection of such data as will place our district in a position to defend its rights against any or all corporations or municipalities?

Answer—I am in favor of any move that will protect the rights of the people against either corporations or municipalities.

Question No. 7—Are you in favor of the county government taking le-

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Here is a Man Who Has Always Served the People



JOHN W. STETSON
Progressive Candidate for the Republican Nomination of Congressman

John W. Stetson, the Progressive candidate for the Republican nomination in this district, is one of the foremost progressive Republicans of California. During the past four years he has been the State Senator from the Fifteenth Senatorial District in Oakland, and in both the session of 1909 and the session of 1911 made a splendid record as a progressive legislator and as a champion of the many reforms which have served to free the people of California from the old machine ridden system and to place our great State among the foremost progressive states of the Union. During the session of 1909 which was in control of the old Herrin machine, he fought unceasingly and with great ability for the rights of the people. In the session of 1911 he was the acknowledged leader of the Johnson administration on the floor of the senate. He was the author of the bill which has made the California Railroad Commission one of the most effective agencies of government to carry out the will of California.

During the Johnson campaign he was one of the few leading politicians who went out to battle for the nomination and election of Johnson and accompanied Governor Johnson through Washington Township in the primary campaign. In the recent presidential primary campaign he was the chairman of the Roosevelt State Committee and worked untiringly for the success of that cause.

Throughout his legislative career he has worked unceasingly to promote those great reforms such as the initiative, the referendum and the recall as well as all other measures which go to restore our government to the people. He is a progressive at heart, was one when it was not popular to be one, and stands squarely in the great fight for humanity as against the dollar standard in our political life.

His entry into the present congressional contest came only after the strongest appeals were made to him by the genuine progressive Republicans of the county who urged upon him that it was his duty to make the fight for progressive prin-

ciples win or lose. Mr. Stetson is a native of Fruitvale in this county and is a graduate of the University of California.

Although Mr. Stetson is being opposed by nearly every reactionary politician in Alameda county, he has the unqualified support of Governor Johnson and Lieutenant Governor Wallace and all the progressive leaders of the State who have helped to redeem the State from the old Herrin machine, and make it a State wherein the people's voice can be heard.

Stetson is a clean, active, brainy man and if elected to Congress will at once take rank among the progressive leaders in our national legislature. He deserves the support of every man and woman in this district who believes in the new order of things because he has a clean and consistent progressive record and has always made good for the people. The fact that he is going over the heads of the politicians and is appealing directly to the people has already made him a formidable candidate.

Neal Sullivan Killed by Train

Neal Sullivan, assistant superintendent at the Oakland Paving Brick company's plant, while attempting to cross the Western Pacific track at the Peterson place, was struck by passenger No. 7 Thursday morning and killed. He was coming to Niles in an automobile and when he reached the crossing the car stopped. He evidently tried to save his machine or did not realize the speed at which the train was coming and the train crashed into the car, smashing it to splinters and hurling him a distance of over fifty feet on the cattle guard. His skull was crushed and one of his legs was cut off by the train. He was picked up by the train crew and his father, W. J. Sullivan accompanied him to Hayward but on arriving there, Dr. Browning pronounced life extinct.

The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sullivan, having come to Niles only a few months ago

from Chicago and was assistant to his father, who has been superintending the reconstruction of the brick plant for the American Clay Machinery company.

During his brief stay here Neil Sullivan had become greatly endeared to all who came in contact with him. He was a most promising young man, college bred, and of very superior attainments. His death is a cruel blow to his parents and sister, and the entire community mourns with them the loss of one whose life was so full of promise.

Deceased was twenty-three years of age.

**MAYOR J. STITT WILSON TO
SPEAK IN NILES THURSDAY**

A Socialist rally in Connors Theater will be held on Thursday evening, August 22. J. Stitt Wilson, Mayor of Berkeley and the Socialist candidate for Congressman will speak. Mrs. P. A. Stanley will act as chairman. The committee in charge of the meeting cordially extends an invitation to all citizens to come out and hear Mr. Wilson. A special invitation is extended to the ladies.

Stetson Republican Club Organized

The Stetson Progressive Republican Club of Washington Township was organized last Wednesday evening. J. C. Whipple of Decoto was elected president, H. H. Patterson, vice-president, and R. Zeidler, secretary.

The club is organized to further the election of J. W. Stetson, the Progressive candidate for Congress in this district.

A meeting will be held in Alvarado next Wednesday evening. Other meetings will be held throughout the township. The meeting Wednesday evening was addressed by Albert Elliot of Oakland.

Charles S. Wheeler, delegate to the National Progressive Convention, will address the Alvarado meeting.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP ASSESSMENT ROLL LARGER THAN MURRAY AND PLEASANTON COMBINED BY \$1,537,700

Spring Valley Escapes Raise on 13,387
Acres of Land in Pleasanton Township.

According to the assessment roll for 1912 Washington Township's assessment roll will be \$8,732,725 an increase of \$1,376,376 over 1911. The combined assessment roll of Murray and Pleasanton is \$7,195,025, an increase of \$507,490 over 1911. It will be seen by these figures that Washington Township's roll exceeds that of Pleasanton and Murray combined by \$1,537,700. Washington Township shows an increase of nearly 19 per cent while the other two townships show an increase of only 7 per cent.

The Spring Valley assessment in this township this year was \$2,092,675 an increase of \$21,850 over last year. While this shows an increase in the total Spring Valley assessment in this township of only about one per cent, it should be remembered that \$1,500,000 of this assessment is on its riparian rights. The \$21,850 raise has been a raise on land which last year was assessed at \$75,700 and this year was assessed \$99,350, being an increase on the land of the company of 21 per cent. The rights of way and other improvements of the company have not been increased over last year. The Spring Valley land in Washington Township has been uniformly raised along with other land by Deputy Assessor Emanuel George. It will be noticed that even if Washington Township should suffer the loss of the entire Spring

One of the very interesting features of the Pleasanton situation is that if Pleasanton township should lose the Spring Valley assessment it would lose about two-thirds of its assessment roll. The loss to Murray township would hardly be felt as the total Spring Valley assessment amounts to only about \$25,000 or less than one per cent of its assessment roll.

The per cent of increase in Pleasanton Township this year outside of the town of Pleasanton is about 9 per cent. In the town of Pleasanton it is about 4 per cent. Murray township outside shows an increase of 9 per cent and the town of Livermore a little over 2 per cent.

KNOWLAND THE REACTIONARY

The Latest Sugar-Coat-
ed Progressive.

The contest for congressman in this district is on and for the first time Congressman Knowland has serious opposition. Knowland through-

out his entire career has been a reactionary.

Eight years ago and during his career in the California legislature before that has been a machine politician and has always lined up with and voted for the interests. He was originally a product of the old Herrin machine in this county and when elected to Congress he naturally fell in with the Payne-Aldrich machine. In Congress he has always voted with the stand-patters, in the State he has always been a strong factor in the old Herrin machine, and in Alameda County his influence was always with the bosses. Joe Knowland's whole career has been that of a reactionary. Until the recent primary election in this State Knowland was a Taft supporter with all that that implies. Since the slump of the Taft cause, Knowland has suddenly become a progressive like his former co-worker in the Herrin camp, Billy Donahue. He is now beating the tom-toms with great energy on the white slavery question and the Panama Canal, he is working the Native Son stunt overtime, and hopes to slide through again with the same ease he has always done. But genial as Joe is, and despite the fact that he has talked long and often with his lantern slides on subjects that all men agree upon, HIS RECORD IS AGAINST HIM. True he supported the Panama Canal and free tolls. Who from California hasn't done this? He wouldn't have dared to come back to California if he hadn't done this.

But Joe Knowland is running for a national office and the national fight is along other lines than the white slave traffic or the Panama canal or the pork barrel. The national fight is between the "interests" and the people, between the old reactionaries who voted with the bosses and the progressives who are standing for freer government. It is between the "programmers", who always take orders and the men who believe in the rule of the people. Joe Knowland has always hunted with the pack. He voted against the progressives in Congress when they overthrew Speaker Cannon and destroyed the strangle hold of the interests on the legislation of our government. He voted with Payne of the Aldrich-Payne machine on every question in which the trusts were interested. He stood with Taft against the recall of judges in Arizona. He voted against the resolution ordering an investigation of the sugar trust. He voted against the resolution to do away with the Commerce Court which was created to nullify the work of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

And yet Knowland is now trying to pose as a progressive. It is to laugh.

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Give me but the liberty of the press and I will give to the Minister a venal House of Peers; I will give him a corrupt and servile House of Commons; I will give him full sway of the patronage of office; I will give him the whole host of Ministerial influence; I will give him all the power that place can confer upon him to purchase up submission and overawe resistance, and yet, armed with the liberty of the press, I will go forth to meet him undismayed—I will attack the mighty fabric he has reared with that mightier engine; I will shake down from its height corruption, and bury it amidst the ruins of the abuses it was meant to shelter.—Sheridan.

WHY WE ARE AGAINST THE BOSSES AND FOR STEVENSON.

Four years ago before the present primary law was in existence the progressive Republicans of Washington Township placed before the voters for delegates to the Republican county convention a list of delegates. This was not done until the men who were then the bosses of the machine had refused to consent to the election of delegates to the county convention by precincts. They also refused to recognize the Lincoln-Roosevelt League Republicans of the township. As a protest to the boss ridden conditions of those days the Lincoln-Roosevelt League placed in the field a set of delegates.

So great was the fear for the bosses in those days that the utmost difficulty was found in securing a half dozen men brave enough to defy their wrath. The anti-machine ticket had upon it such names as H. H. Patterson, E. W. Burr, J. Whipple, E. N. Babb and J. J. Silvera of our own township and H. P. Mohr of Pleasanton. Other names were put on the ticket but the pressure on the part of the bosses succeeded in pulling them down. This ticket of course was opposed by the bosses and defeated. Because the Press at that time stood out against the bosses it incurred their wrath and displeasure and has ever since been under the ban.

Two years ago the Press for over eight months earnestly advocated the nomination and election of Governor Johnson. Through the efforts of the Lincoln-Roosevelt League this town-

ship was saved for Johnson by a handsome majority. In order not to jeopardize the cause represented by Governor Johnson no opposition was offered to other candidates selected by the bosses.

When the appointment of Supervisor came up a year ago the progressive Republicans of Washington Township asked Governor Johnson to give them a hearing in order that they might recommend a candidate for the appointment. But by reason of the scheming of the bosses the Governor saw fit to name the present incumbent, Mr. Murphy, on the recommendation of Boss Mike Kelly and Boss Billy Donahue. The editor of the Press strongly opposed the appointment of Mr. Murphy at that time, not because he was Mr. Murphy, nor because he came from Livermore, but because he was the bosses' candidate and because his appointment meant the perpetuation in this district of the old Herrin machine and the old methods of bossism against which the Lincoln-Roosevelt progressives had made their fight.

But Mike Kelly had been a strong supporter of the Governor and managed to make the Governor believe that Billy Donahue's sugar coated progressiveness was the real article. The progressive Republicans of the Township had under consideration for the appointment three names, H. H. Patterson, J. C. Shinn and Emanuel George, any one of whom was thoroughly acceptable to them and entirely competent. The bosses would consider none of them, nor would they even recognize the right of the rank and file to even recommend a candidate for the appointment. The only argument advanced in Mr. Murphy's behalf was that he could be re-elected. In vain the editor of the Press remonstrated against the right of two or three men, residents of Oakland, to name the only legislative representative in our county government for over 12,000 people. In vain did we warn the governor in the presence of Mike Kelly that he was further entrenching a selfish set of bosses who when a real test came would prove faithless to the progressive cause. In vain did we point out their subservency to every corporate interest and especially to the Spring Valley Water company. The bosses had a job framed up to get control of the Assessor's office out of which they had cleverly entrapped Dalton, and by reason of their supposed control of the legislative delegation from this county and the hearty indorsement that the county had given Governor Johnson they prevailed upon the governor to override the rights of the representative Republicans of this district in a legislative office and

hand the control back to the machine.

We pointed out to the governor that it was contrary to the fundamental principle for which the progressive movement was contending, but the odds were against us and we were obliged to submit. As a result of that appointment the same old machine crowd which took its orders from Herrin in his day, which always delivered the goods for any old program has been continued in power. The men who derided Heney, sneered at the progressive movement and secretly gave aid and comfort to every reactionary movement had the laugh on the men who had earnestly and honestly made the fight for better political conditions. Not only that but they have tried to use the machinery of government in their power to persecute those who dared to stand out against the infamous and unamerican system of bossism and pork barrel politics.

And now this same old crowd of bosses and those whom they maintain at the people's expense are asking that the men and women of this district indorse their brazen record of selfishness and duplicity and betrayal of the cherished rights of a free people. They have but two arguments in this campaign; the main one is the political pork barrel and the other is the political big stick.

By reason of the old machine methods which they cultivated with unscrupulous zeal in the palmy days of the boss ridden convention they have seized control of the county treasury with its \$2,000,000 of pork, they have

and what state patronage they can manage to secure. And the worst feature of their pork barrel program is the debauching effect they have on the politics of our district. They work on the theory that every man and every community has a pork-barrel price. They cultivate the pork-barrel standard of citizenship. The result has been that while other communities of the State have forged ahead, our own section, one of the fairest and richest in California, has been at a standstill for a generation. Our young men are taught to measure their political fealty by the size of the piece of pork that is given them. They are tempted to make of their district a rotten political borough through the pork which they, the bosses, dispense. It is this debasing standard of politics that the Press stands out unyieldingly against. And until it is overthrown our people can never expect to cultivate that progressive American spirit that shall demand for its standard not subservency to nery political buccaneers, but rather that higher standard of public service and efficiency for all the people. It was because we could not lower ourselves to their debasing and degrading standard that we have taken along with others the punishment they have tried to deal out to us.

And then their big stick which says to you and to me, "Come through for us or we will hammer you out of existence." The spirit of '76 which we teach our children, the spirit that wrested from the tyrants of the old world the liberties which we have inherited as a people, the whole struggle of the human race against petty tyrants all along the line, makes every red blooded citizen resent such a threat. Four years ago when we took up the cause of the Lincoln-Roosevelt League in this district we were warned by one of these bosses of the fate that await us if we persisted. We were warned that we would lose our county patronage, that we would have an opposition newspaper etc., etc. We have defied these petty political tyrants to do their worst. They have done it. And our case is but an instance of what awaits any and all who do not fall for their game. It is because of these conditions and because we believe the free born people of our district will eventually rise in their wrath and rebuke such methods and such men that we intend to persist in our opposition. When the threats were made to us several years ago we told the political boss who made them that we would "never quit until Washington Township had gained its political

freedom." And that day is dawning. Not even the pork-barrel brigade nor the big stick they wield can much longer hold Washington Township in subjection. The Young Turks of Turkey have won their freedom, the patient natives of China have overthrown the pork-barrel and the big stick and what they have done the people of Washington Township will also do and that very soon.

We are not opposed to Mr. Murphy as a man, we are against him because he is the candidate of the bosses and because he is an exponent of the pork barrel and the big stick.

And it is because E. H. Stevenson is making the fight against the bosses and is the only man in this district who has dared to give them battle, that we are for Stevenson.

With Washington Township having an assessed property valuation of \$1,500,000 in excess of the combined property valuation of both Murray and Pleasanton Townships combined, and with a voting population greater than both combined our people are not to be blamed if they resent the manner in which the Oakland bosses absolutely ignored their claims to a voice in the selection of a supervisor a year ago. They certainly were entitled to a say in the matter and their candidates were entitled to consideration even if it did not suit the private plans of the bosses themselves.

The Register pretends to be for Roosevelt for president but is supporting Knowland for Congress, who has been a reactionary of reactionaries throughout his whole legislative and congressional career. Knowland has always voted with Cannon and the Payne-Aldrich crowd in Congress. And yet the Register says it is uncontrolled!

SUPERVISOR MURPHY ANSWERS OUR QUESTIONS

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gal action to protect the rights of our people in the water supply question?

Answer—I am in favor of any legal action that can be taken to protect the people in the water question.

I would like to add, further, that I was connected with the town government of Livermore for eleven years, and in that time I stood always with the people and against the corporations. My record in my home town is one that should be a fair test of my public life and that record is open to you all. As Trustee of the Town of Livermore I have nothing to hide and to myself I invite the closest inspection.

I recognize that the

this entire section is a serious matter and yet there is little that can be done to overturn the rights that the different water corporations have acquired from those who originally owned those rights. It must be admitted that certain rights have been acquired by purchase by these water corporations from private parties and that there is no method by which I can, as a member of the Board of Supervisors or as an individual, overturn the sales of these rights by these parties to the corporations. Most of these sales were made long before I became a member of the Board of Supervisors.

It seems to me that the only solution of the matter is to further in every way the bringing of a water supply from the Sierra Nevada Mountains sufficient to supply all of the cities about the bay. If this is not done and if private parties continue to sell their water rights to corporations and municipalities there is no

We wish to express to all our neighbors and friends our sincere appreciation for their many acts of kindness to our son, during his illness, and for their words of comfort and acts of mercy shown us in our sad bereavement, and for the many beautiful floral offerings which were to us emblems of love and friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Enos and family.

NILES ASSEMBLY OF ARTISANS TO HAVE SOCIAL EVENING

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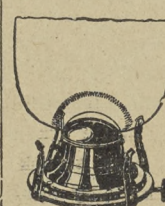
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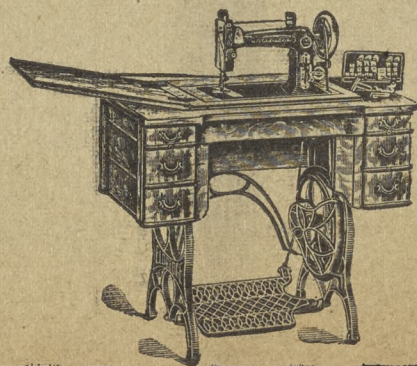
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Irvington

Mrs. John Saxe of San Francisco is at the home of her brother, Daren Joyce, who is in a very critical condition.

Mr. and Mrs. George Threlfall and little son are here from Stanislaus county on a visit with Mrs. Threlfall.

Mrs. Holycumb of Reno, and her little son are the guests of her mother, Mrs. Morrell.

Mrs. Berge has recovered sufficiently from her recent sickness to be able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Perry, Jr., are both convalescent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Whitfield returned on Saturday from their honeymoon trip, and were tendered a very delightful reception at Mission San Jose on Saturday evening. There was a large attendance of friends as both young people are of the most popular young set.

The Rebekahs will have a reception on next Tuesday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks and Dr. and Mrs. Durham, the newly married couples.

Dr. Durham and bride will arrive home on Saturday from their honeymoon at Shasta Retreat.

Mrs. Frank Ford of Alameda is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Ford.

Mr. Montoses passed away at his home on Saturday and was buried on Monday. He had been ill for about three months.

Frank Carter and wife have just moved into an elegant new home facing Lake Merritt in Oakland which they have just bought.

Among those who came to attend the funeral of Mrs. Correa on Wednesday were A. S. Andrade and family of Richmond, F. Leal and family of San Leandro, Mr. and Mrs. Gonzales of Selby, and Mr. J. Leal of Evergreen.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Hoosear and son and Miss Eveland of Oakland were guests on Wednesday of Mrs. Alice Babb.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hammer were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton on Wednesday.

Dr. Rice and Wife of San Francisco are visiting at the Johnson ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Barth are camping in Irvington.

Mrs. Will Hirsch and family have returned from their summer outing at Brookdale.

Born-In Irvington, Sunday, Aug. 4, to the wife of L. R. Neves, a son.

Miss Laura Trenouth of Irvington is visiting Mrs. Ferguson of Oakland and Mrs. A. J. Sharp of San Francisco, also many other friends.

Niles Notes.

Miss Maud Tyson of San Francisco spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tyson.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Tyson and daughter Edna spent last Wednesday and Thursday in San Francisco and Oakland.

Mrs. Clare Morrison and Mrs. J. Scalen of Kansas City, Mo., spent last Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Tyson on their way to Los Angeles.

J. Bills and family of Fruitvale motored to Niles last Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Tyson. Mrs. Bills remained over until Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Pierce and daughter Miss Pearl Leffler of Stockton are visiting relatives in Niles. Miss Maud Tyson entertained friends from San Francisco and Oakland at a week-end house party on Sunday. Twenty-five guests, including B. L. Tyson and family, and the G. Bills family enjoyed a delightful luncheon under the famous old walnut trees on the Tyson Estate.

Little Miss Evelyn White of San Jose is the guest of her aunt Mrs. E. Nichols.

Miss Louise May was the guest of her sister Mrs. Walpert on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. Crothers spent several days last week with Miss Mayberry in Burlingame.

Mrs. O. Bonner, Mrs. R. Bonner, and Mrs. Crothers were guests of relatives in Sunol on Sunday.

Mrs. Schotfield went to San Jose and Campbell on Wednesday where she will attend a meeting of the Club "We and Our Neighbors" of which she has been president since its organization twenty years ago.

Miss Mamie Olivera came down from San Francisco to attend the funeral of Manuel Enos on Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Carlton Crane, Miss Helen Crane and Miss Bessie Kellogg will entertain at a luncheon and card party on Saturday August 24th. The guests are bidden to meet Mrs. Clarence Martenstein of Niles.

Mrs. Frank Hamilton of San Jose was a visitor at the Mayhew home this week.

Mrs. Jas. Cottrell and Mrs. A. I. Simpson spent last Friday in the city.

NILES LODGE I. O. O. F. TO CONFER DEGREES

Niles Lodge No. 382 I. O. O. F. will confer the first and the second degrees upon three candidates on Saturday evening August 24th. A Degree team from True Fellowship Lodge of Santa Clara will put on the work. All are invited.

CONTRACT LET FOR CENTERVILLE SCHOOL

The contract was let on Friday for the building of the new grammar school in Centerville. Mr. J. McLaughlin of San Francisco, whose bid was \$15,975, was awarded the contract. The highest bid was \$19,000. A number of local contractors, as well as San Francisco firms put in bids. The building will be begun at once.

Niles Church Services

There will be the regular preaching service in the morning at eleven, and in the evening at 7:45 next Sunday in the Niles Congregational church. All are cordially invited to these services.

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A Letter on Single Tax

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Edmonton, Alberta, April 25, 1912.
Clarence E. Todd Esq
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401 Harding Building,
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Dear Mr. Todd:
Your letter came to me long ago and I kept putting off answering it. I could get some further information, but although my information is yet fragmentary I feel it would be better to give you what I have than delay any longer.

The system of single tax has been in operation in Edmonton for about 6 years, and it is not going too far to say that it has been universally accepted as satisfactory. Up till last year there was this slight limitation on the general principle namely, that in addition to the land tax we had a tax on businesses and a tax on income. These latter taxes were harassing to business men, and at the last session of the legislature the tax on businesses and income was abolished. We now raise our entire revenue amounting this year to \$750,000.00 from land alone—that is without any reference to the improvements that may be on the land. We have of course a slight revenue derived from small licenses, but such licenses are imposed not for the purpose of revenue, but for the purpose of gaining control of certain businesses which are subject to license.

In saying that the system is universally satisfactory I ought also to point out that the 6 or 7 years during which it has been in vogue have been years of continuous and steady increase in land values incident to the opening up of a new country. The system has yet to be tried under other conditions. I sometimes think it would not be so satisfactory under other conditions. I sometimes think it would not be so satisfactory to owners if a depression in land values came. But this dissatisfaction would not of course be an argument against the principle of the system.

Alberta is as you are aware a perfectly new province. Only within the last 7 or 8 years has population begun to flow in. Up till last year we had no rural municipalities. Villages, Towns and Cities existed under charters granted by the legislature. We had a system of local improvement districts formed solely for local improvement purposes but had not the power of municipalities. At the last session of the legislature it was felt that the time for a general system had arrived.

As you are aware our municipal politics are not conducted upon party lines, and single tax is not a party question nor has it any political significance. The large land holders are so far as I am aware all in favor of single tax and so are the ordinary business men. You are quite correct I believe in saying that they had a very hard winter in Eastern Canada and the United States, but your supposition is wrong with reference to Western Canada. We have had a beautiful winter here, and those of us who did not go to California have had some amusement at the expense of those who did go.

I thank you very much for your kind reference to Mrs. Ewing and myself and we both join in sending our regards to Mrs. Todd and yourself. I shall be glad to hear from you at any time and give you any further information that is in my power.

Yours truly,
A. F. Ewing.

COUNTRY CLUB HOLDS SPECIAL MEETING
The Country Club of Washington Township held a special meeting at Mrs. F. O. Bunting on Tuesday, August 14th. Plans for a new club plans for raising money were suggested. It was decided to build as soon as the necessary funds were available. A committee was elected to collect money. Mrs. Farley, Alvarado, Mrs. Turner, Centerville; Mrs. F. Meyer, Decoto; Mrs. A. Babb, Irvington; Mrs. Layson, Newark; Mrs. Lachman, Mission San Jose (re-signed); Mrs. W. B. Kirk, Niles.

These ladies will be happy to receive subscriptions at any time and of any amount.
Florence M. Hudson, Sec'y.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

The engagement of Arthur Salz, son of S. Salz of Centerville, and Miss Olga Kauch of Stockton has been announced and the wedding date is set for Sept. 18.

DEATH OF MANUEL ENOS

Manuel Enos passed away at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Enos in Niles on Saturday, August 10. He had been sick less a week and his death is a sad blow to his devoted parents and brother and sisters. He was born in Niles and after leaving the public school took a position at the Oliver Garage. He had grown into young manhood a help an comfort to his parents and possessed those qualities which made friends among the young people who showed their regard by the many beautiful floral offerings and by the large attendance at the funeral, he services were held from the Catholic church, high mass being celebrated by the Reverend Father Mackey assisted by Mrs. G. Norris of Centerville. The Rev. Father Mackey preached a fine strong sermon on the meaning of man's life. Mrs. Norris sang the beautiful hymn, "Nearer, My God, To Thee." The funeral procession was very large. The honorary pall bearers, Miss Melvina Chaix, Margaret Lynch, Flora and Ida Lanfri, all in white marched at the head of the procession followed by the acting pall bearers, F. Rose, Herbert and Creed Dominic, Alfred Roderick, Lloyd Easterday and M. Lopes. Interment took place in the Catholic cemetery at the Mission. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the grief stricken relatives in their bereavement.

Stetson meeting at Alvarado next Wednesday night. Wheeler to speak.

Centerville

Mrs. C. Rudee of San Francisco is the guest of her brother J. A. Cone. Mrs. S. Sandholt spent Wednesday in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawler attended the funeral of Mrs. Murphy, mother of Supervisor Murphy, on Thursday in Livermore.

Mrs. Manuel Vierras was taken on Monday to the Alameda Sanitarium to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

The garage has opened under new management. Joe Amaral is in charge and has an expert machinist who will attend to them echanical department.

W. Rogers and family were in San Leandro Sunday to see Mrs. Rogers' father who has just returned from the German hospital.

Lloyd Mickle is home for a vacation.

Mrs. E. Crothers is contemplating building a little home on her lot. Manuel Rogers is away on his vacation.

H. Nurnberg of Hollister visited in Centerville Sunday.

Dr. Adams and wife are entertaining friends from the city.

Mr. Warren Packer of Lassen Co. has moved his family into one of the Fair cottages.

The St. James Guild met with Mrs. Gregory Wednesday afternoon.

Antoniette Corea of San Francisco is spending a week with her cousin Salome Rogers.

Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Howard Jarvis are at present in London and expect to sail for home from Liverpool September 6.

Miss Kate Little went to Petaluma on Wednesday to be present at the marriage of her sister Miss Ella to Mr. J. Stevenson of Centerville.

Newark

Mrs. Moses and family returned last week from a visit in Anaheim.

Mrs. Snow spent a few days in Pleasanton during the past week with relatives and friends.

Mrs. A. T. Biddle entertained the Birthday club Thursday and the afternoon was spent playing cards. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess before adjournment.

Supervisor Murphy of Livermore was in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Stevenson spent Thursday in Oakland.

Rev. J. H. Harbaugh was in Newark Wednesday.

Mrs. W. C. Graham spent Thursday in Oakland.

Mr. James Grady with a force of men removed the last of the S. P. material from the old shops this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Falk spent Sunday in San Francisco.

Mrs. Robert Page expects to return to Portland Monday on the steamer Bear.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams were in Berkeley over Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Kirby and Mrs. Harry Wales of Oakland spent Tuesday with Mrs. Chas. Carpenter.

Miss Tessie Moore of Niles spent Wednesday with Mrs. Lazarini.

Miss Grace East returned home on Sunday after a visit in Oakland.

Mrs. Deardore is visiting her daughter Mrs. Wyatt.

Newark Presbyterian

Morning service at 11 o'clock.

Preaching by pastor. Topic, Parable of the Tares.

Evening service at 8 o'clock. Bible in Time of Samuel.

Christian Endeavor at 6.45.

Sabbath school at 9.50 a. m.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening.

Topic: Elijah's Prayer at Mt. Carmel.

City Offers Spring Valley Big Price

Mayor Rolph acting for the city government has offered the Spring Valley Water company the liberal sum of \$38,500,000 for the company's entire plant.

Should the company accept the offer, it will have to be approved by the voters of the city and it will necessarily be some time before the title to the property would pass to the city.

The price offered is \$3,500,000 in excess of the price which the people of the city rejected by a small majority several years ago. The price offered by the city is considered a very liberal one and should the company accept it, the people of Washington Township will be very interested in the sale.

The mayor asks that if the company accept the city's offer that it proceed with the building of the Calaveras dam as a part of the proposed Hetch Hetchy system. It is this feature of the situation that will demand of our people the most careful action.

Should the sale go through it will very materially lessen the opposition to the Hetch Hetchy supply which opposition is now fostered by the Spring Valley company. It is the purpose of the city to make the Spring Valley system a part of the Hetch Hetchy system and there is no doubt that if the city acquires the Hetch Hetchy along with the Spring Valley system that eventually the water supply system of our section will be protected and in a large measure restored to our people.

In the meantime our people must watch every move and see to it that their interests are protected and safeguarded. We believe that ultimately the purchase of the Spring Valley by the city will be a great benefit to our section as it will make possible the harmonious development and utilization of the entire water supply of our district for the best interests of all concerned.

FEREIRA — GRAY

The wedding of Miss Ethel Ferreira, a former Decoto young lady, and R. J. Gray took place at St. Francis de Sales church on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Miss Lottie Ferreira, assisted by Misses Gray and Scott,

acted as brides maid and Mr. Gallagher assisted by Mr. Cyrus and Raymond Ferreira was best man.

The bride looked handsome in a gown of white cape satin while the brides maids were dressed in gowns of delicate tints.

About 150 guests were present at the church and after the ceremony, the relatives and a few close friends breakfasted at the home of the bride's parents.

The honeymoon will be spent in Los Angeles and the young people will live in Oakland.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Ferreira. The groom is the son of J. Gray a whole sale whose home is in Berkeley. He is employed by the S. P. Co. at 13th & Broadway as Pullman Clerk.

SPECIAL SALES ARE GREAT SUCCESS

The special sales at the O. N. Hirsch Dept. Store in Centerville for the past two weeks have attracted many buyers to the fine new store.

There are still bargains to be had. Prices are right and the line of groceries, dry goods, hardware and shoes make it possible for you to get what you want right in one store. And with each 25 cent cash purchase, you are given a coupon which on the 28th day of September may be the number entitling you to the fine new sewing machine to be given away. For full particulars as to goods and prices see the full page ad of the O. N. Hirsch Dept. Store in this issue.

ALAMEDA BOY KILLS RATTLER

Elwin Berwick, a fourteen year old boy of Alameda who is spending his vacation at the Hardwick Dairy Farm, had a thrilling and somewhat new experience on Wednesday. At a distance of about a hundred yards from the barns, the young fellow saw a snake which proved to be a rattler. He tried to kill it but it put up a vicious fight. Finally, he killed it with a single barrel shot gun as it had coiled. It had seven rattles and a buton.

SALOONS IN FRESNO COUNTY CLOSE THEIR DOORS

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Mission San Jose

The Salazar family motored from Clayton and spent Sunday at the Gallegos home.

Mr. Mentz of Porterville made a trip to town on Wednesday. Mrs. Enos has returned from Pescadero.

Several of the town boys enjoyed a camping trip to the mountains.

Ben Rose came up from Oakland on Tuesday to spend the day with his parents.

Mr. Foster visited friends in San Francisco on Sunday.

The Frank family has returned to San Francisco after a three months stay here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Neustadter came up from the city to spend Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Ehrman.

Mrs. C. Sigrist of San Francisco was in town one day during the week.

After a two weeks stay the Kahns have returned to their Oakland home.

Mrs. J. Turner and family are enjoying a stay at the coast.

The funeral of Mr. Mentoza was held in St. Joseph's church on Tuesday.

After a short illness, Mrs. Corriea passed away in the Alameda Sanitarium on Sunday. Funeral services were held in St. Joseph's church on Wednesday. Rev. Father Costa officiated. Besides a husband six children are left to mourn their loss. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

Mrs. C. Bernal and children are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Murphy.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Mary A. M. Winstanley, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Mary A. M. Winstanley deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within ten months after the first publication of this notice to the said Executor at the office of Thomas C. Huxley, 1101 Union Savings Bank Building, in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Mary A. M. Winstanley deceased.

HENRY CLAY BREWER
Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Mary A. M. Winstanley deceased.
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SOCIETY NOTICES

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Meetings for 1912: Jan 27, March 2, April 27, May 25, June 29, July 27, August 24, September 21, October 19, November 23, December 21.

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CENTRAL ASSEMBLY No. 191 U. A.
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Alvarado

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Skow returned from a visit with relatives in Oakland and Alameda.

Mr. G. S. Dewey returned Sunday evening after a few days at Fuley.

A. J. Kemel returned to town on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dees spent Sunday afternoon and evening in Oakland.

Mrs. E. M. Tainton entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. Leal of Woodland and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ralph at tea on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Lindemann, Mr. H. Martin, Mr. Martin and son of San Jose spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Ralph entertained Mrs. J. Leal of Woodland and Mrs. A. R. Dees at lunch on Sunday.

Several members of the Game Commission and friends attended the barbecue in Hayward on Sunday. Each reports a delightful time.

Jas. Vanderpeer of Oakland is on the ranch during the fruit season.

The primary department of the public school was well attended on Monday when quite a large delegation of little folks made their first appearance at school. School opened with Mr. McCarty as principal and Miss H. Kent and Miss Celeste Bunker as assistants.

The Misses Butterworth of San Francisco spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richmond Sr.

Mrs. E. A. Richmond Sr. and Mrs. Miller of San Jose spent Wednesday with friends in Alameda.

Mrs. Joyce is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. J. H. Ralph will be hostess at a meeting of the 500 Club on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Barth entertained at a Card party on Saturday evening. Thirty guests were present and enjoyed the game of Five Hundred. Delicious refreshments were served before adjournment. Mr. and Mrs. Robie carried off the honors, each winning first prize. The lady's prize was a handsome cut glass dish and the gentleman's prize was a Thermos bottle.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hutchinson of San Francisco are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Barth.

Mr. and Mrs. Heilmuller were guests over the week-end at the home of her folks.

Mrs. Perkins who has been visiting with her sister Mrs. F. C. Harvey, returned to her home this week.

Mrs. T. E. McCarty entertained the Butts on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Tainton entertained the Club on Monday, this being Mrs. Tainton's first entertaining since moving into their new home.

Mrs. Tainton was entertained on Wednesday at the P. G. Lowrie home in Alviso.

Miss Etta Graham began her music class in their work this week after the summer's vacation. Her class is quite large this year.

Miss Margaret Smith and her father, Mr. Smith of Daly City, are the guests of her grandmother Mrs. C. S. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leal left on Wednesday for their home in Woodland after a visit of two weeks with friends in Alvarado.

Miss Ethel Foley visited with friends in San Francisco on Wednesday.

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"AS YOU LIKE IT" AT SAN ANSELMO

Citizens of this county who believe in publicity as the best agent of progress and prosperity have undertaken a popular method of achieving a boosting plan. The genius of Shakespeare is to be invoked and his "As You Like It," is to serve the means. The play is to be staged at San Anselmo, in the open on the grass and surrounded by trees, at the base of a semicircular elevation—thus adding a living and vivid setting to the great drama.

A company recruited in San Francisco has been engaged to perform the play, while elaborate plans have been inaugurated at great expense to feature it. The work has been divided between nine committees of enthusiastic and efficient persons. Weekly meetings are held at which reports from the workers are turned in. These indicate a deal of work done to date and are prophetic of an abundant success.

It is not the first time California has witnessed a Shakesperian play in the open air. Several times this has been done, both in San Francisco and in Berkeley. Many will recall the time when "As You Like It" was staged at Sutro park and Jim Corbett impersonated the wrestler. And at least once before has this been ventured in Marin county at Kentfield, where a mighty success crowned the effort. But this time it is proposed to eclipse all former efforts, both as to artistic and scenic features and as to the multitudes that will witness the performance.

"Follow the Lanterns to 'As You Like It' at San Anselmo, August 24th, 8 p. m." is the way the boosters are appealing to the public in the interest of a great crowd of patrons. Already this appeal is bearing fruit in the form of inquiry and sale of tickets. Indeed it is expected that in the neighborhood of ten thousand people will assemble on the auspicious night to enjoy the fete.

STREET TO BE USED FOR AUTO SHOW DURING COUNTY FAIR

The city of San Jose has closed one of its prettiest streets for half a month in order that it may assist in making the forthcoming County Fair a success. From September 1 when a temporary structure will be built over South Market street in front of the Auditorium to be completed by the opening day, Sept 5, until the end of the show, Sept. 15, the streets will be at the disposal of the County Fair Association and will be used to stage

the auto show. Manager E. W. Allen received a permit to use the street from the city officials this week.

W. L. Helling, Vice-Pres. of San Francisco Association of Optometrists and Secretary of Cal. State Association of Optometrists will be at the Irvington Drug Store Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 1st and 2nd for the purpose of making scientific examination of the eye. Mr. Helling is permanently located at 324 Clement St., San Francisco and is not a traveling optician or fakir but is doing a legitimate business. His motto is "Near-Right glasses are wrong" and if in need of his advice do not hesitate for he will tell you. Examination free.

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NOTICE--There are delinquent upon the following described stock on account of assessment No. 7 levied on the 10th day of July, 1912, the several amounts set opposite the names of the respective shareholders to-wit:

Name	No. of Shares	Amount
Adams, Claude M.	1824	500 10.00
Barton, Robert	2300	500 10.00
Brown, H. C.	1426	200 4.00
Brown, H. C.	1643	40 .80
Burgess, J. E.	2217	100 2.00
Champion, Gussie	204	220 4.40
Champion, Martie	205	220 4.40
Champion, Artie	206	120 2.40
Champion, Artie	323	75 1.50
Crothers, Kate A.	283	100 2.00
Crothers, Kate A.	290	100 2.00
Crothers, Kate A.	291	100 2.00
Crothers, Kate A.	292	100 2.00
Coulter, Jean	326	25 .50
Coulter, Nellie J.	327	25 .50
Campbell, Bain L.	487	50 1.00
Campbell, Bain L.	1350	100 2.00
Campbell, Bain L.	1351	50 1.00
Campbell, Bain L.	1352	50 1.00
Corbin, Mrs. E. C.	791	100 2.00
Dring, Joe.	243	400 8.00
Dring, Joe.	475	300 6.00
Dougherty, Michael	1760	10 .20
Dillard, Erwin	746	10 .20
Dattlebaum, M.	1210	75 1.50
Dattlebaum, M.	1621	62 1.24
Evans, O. O.	693	400 8.00
Fonte, J. T. and Ella	2396	5000 100.00
Fagerland, P. S.	596	500 10.00
Fagerland, G. E.	787	100 2.00
Fisher, J. D.	2031	166 3.32
Fisher, J. D.	2039	66 1.32
Gypsin, Mrs. Caroline	386	200 4.00
Gypsin, Mrs. Caroline	1602	200 4.00
Goetting, Chas. L.	1448	125 2.50
Goetting, Chas. L.	1508	100 2.00
Goetting, Chas. L.	2345	150 3.00
Gardner, Mrs. E. K.	1469	100 2.00
Grimes, H. B.	1503	150 3.00
Grimes, H. B.	1504	100 2.00
Grandjean, H.	1632	400 8.00
Grandjean, H.	1747	100 2.00
Gronenberg, Carl	2283	1339 26.78
Hutton, J. D.	474	1000 20.00
Hutton, J. D.	1874	2000 40.00
Hitchcock, Mr. and Mrs. E. K.	2304	200 4.00
Hopkins, A. B.	1256	300 6.00
Hitchcock, Ruth	1554	60 1.20
Hines, S. B.	1867	200 4.00

Hines, S. B.	2264	100	2.00
Hamilton, Lot	2238	1500	30.00
Jess, Mrs. M. T.	367	25	.50
Jess, Wm.	510	200	4.00
Jones, A. Sydney	1509	500	10.00
Jones, A. Sydney	2138	1000	20.00
Jones, A. Sydney	2142	400	8.00
Jones, A. Sydney	2179	10000	200.00
Jones, A. Sydney	2196	10000	200.00
Kaufmann, Laura J.	512	5	.10
Kaufmann, Laura J.	513	5	.10
Knopp, Otto A.	1362	50	1.00
Kreiss, A. L.	2241	75	1.50
Kreiss, A. L.	2301	850	17.00
Long, Emory M.	1612	1820	36.40
Lucio, A.	245	1000	20.00
Little, Bessie	274	100	2.00
Leuthold, John	366	250	5.00
Leuthold, John	413	100	2.00
Leisenring, Willa Wood	1197	500	10.00
Leisenring, Willa Wood	1198	500	10.00
Leisenring, Willa Wood	1199	500	10.00
Leisenring, Willa Wood	1200	500	10.00
Leisenring, Willa Wood	1201	500	10.00
Leisenring, Willa Wood	1202	500	10.00
Leisenring, Willa Wood	1203	500	10.00
Leisenring, Willa Wood	1204	500	10.00
Leisenring, Willa Wood	1205	500	10.00
Leisenring, Willa Wood	1206	500	10.00
Leisenring, Willa Wood	1207	500	10.00
Mc Whinney, H. and Carrie	43	4000	80.00
Mc Whinney, H. and Carrie	1465	1000	20.00
Mc Whinney, H. and Carrie	2284	3000	60.00
Mc Keegan, Joseph James	598	100	2.00
Mc Keegan, Joseph James	1252	13	.26
Mallett, Huldah	514	5	.10
Mott, R.	2216	100	2.00
Murry, James	2232	360	7.20
Oswald, Anna M.	1608	500	10.00
Oswald, Anna M.	2263	500	10.00
Playther, Miss G. B.	313	100	2.00
Prince, A. M.	1133	100	2.00
Ralph, Mrs. R. B.	203	390	7.80
Rowe, D. H.	1766	1010	20.20
Rowe, D. H.	1855	990	19.80
Runkel, C.	662	500	10.00
Runkel, C.	1647	100	2.00
Runkel, C.	1819	250	5.00
Robinson, Thos. M.	1651	100	2.00
Robinson, Thos. M.	1864	350	7.00
Robinson, Thos. M.	2034	250	5.00
Robinson, Thos. M.	2068	250	5.00
Small, Geo. and Eliz.	105	400	8.00
Scanlan, John P.	1245	125	2.50
Smith, J. S.	324	5000	100.00
Smith, J. S.	418	5000	100.00
Stanford, J. W.	1471	5000	100.00
Stanford, J. W.	1472	5000	100.00
Stanford, J. W.	1640	5000	100.00
Stanford, J. W.	1880	10000	200.00
Wilcox, R. C.	255	300	6.00
Wilcox, R. C.	256	700	14.00
Wilcox, R. C.	434	225	4.50
Wilcox, R. C.	491	500	10.00
Wilcox, R. C.	1125	400	8.00
Wilcox, R. C.	1289	94	1.88

KNOWLAND, THE REACTIONARY

THE LATEST SUGAR COATED
PROGRESSIVE.

(Continued from First Page)

Not even Boss Donahue and Boss Mike Kelly, those eminent pork barrel progressives, not even the Oakland Tribune upon whom they rely, can transform Joe Knowland's ten years of service for the national, the state and the county machine into progressivism. The hour of judgment for the whole bunch of political time servers is at hand. Joe Knowland standing by the side of Walter Parker and at back of Abe Ruef in the famous Santa Cruz convention picture, Joe Knowland voting to uphold the system in congress, Joe Knowland hand in glove on every deal with the bosses of Alameda County, must now answer to the people.

His opponent, John W. Stetson, has faithfully stood by the people of California in the four years long fight to make California a free state. His record is clear and consistent. And while he has the opposition of the Oakland Tribune which still controls the county patronage by the grace of the present progressive (?) majority on the Board of Supervisors, and while the Oakland Enquirer which is progressive in national affairs but is tied up by its city printing patronage of the Mott administration can not support him, and while the whole county pork barrel contingent is against him, still Stetson has the support of Governor Johnson and the real progressives of his district and will go over the heads of the politicians to the people.

Services at New Guild Hall.

The new Guild Hall of Christ Church Mission, Niles, is now completed, and services will be held there until a church can be built.

Archdeacon Emery and Rev. Hamilton Lee conducted the opening service on Sunday August 4th. The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon.

After the services a business meeting was held to appoint officers and to consider ways and means of carrying on the work successfully.

Services will be held each Sunday afternoon at 3:30 to which all are most cordially invited.

RAILROAD COMMISSION CAUSES REDUCTION IN FREIGHT RATES.

The reduction in freight rates between Bakersfield and the McKittrick and West Side Oil Fields in Kern County went into effect Sunday August 4th. The carriers have submitted the new tariff schedules and will not resist the order of the Railroad Commission.

On July 13th the Railroad Commission rendered its decision by which it lowered the freight rates from Bakersfield, over the Sunset Railroad, owned jointly by the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe, to the West Side Oil Fields, and over the McKittrick branch of the Southern Pacific from 10 to 50 per cent. It found that the Sunset Railroad had been almost without parallel in its earning percentages. It had declared a dividend of 60 per cent in 1910, and another of 100 per cent in 1911.

This is the fourth case in which the Commission has made widespread reductions in freight rates. The first involved the rates between Los Angeles and San Pedro; the second concerned the whole rate system in the San Joaquin Valley; and the third affected the Imperial Valley. It is estimated that the saving thus effected for shippers in the State of California will amount to close to \$2,000,000 annually.

In all of these cases the new rates as ordered by the Commission have gone into effect without prolonged legal controversies. In only one case was there an appeal to the Courts and decision was quickly given in the Commission's favor.

While the sections mentioned have received particular advantage from the reductions made, the decreases have been reflected to every portion of the State of California.

Wilcox, R. C.	1290	100	2.00
Wilcox, R. C.	1542	3200	64.00
Wilcox, R. C.	1669	1800	36.00
Walley, G. H.	1703	100	2.00
Wyckoff, A. C.	1681	2000	40.00

History of the Water Question

Editor Washington Press, Sir:

It really begins to seem as if there would be something done at last to protect the rights of the people of this valley to the water under their ranches (the percolating water in other words which has never been sold to any one by any residents of the valley.) Even in the case of the riparian owners, or the landowners whose land faces the Alameda Creek and touches the stream there was no sale a percolating water so far as I know. The law of eminent domain of the Government gave to the Spring Valley company the right to condemn and take the flowing water in the creek and in most instances the landowners sold their rights without going to the trouble and expense of a long trial. In one or two instances (among others part of the rights on the Shinn property I am sorry to say) the matter was threshed out through the courts. In every case I think the people who went to trial in these cases and ignored the invariable advice of good attorneys to settle their cases out of court, not only lost their riparian rights just the same, but had a lot of worry and trouble and did not get as much money clear in the end. In the trial that was conducted against the Shinn property for the condemnation of the riparian rights we had to hire expensive lawyers and experts and I was myself at work on it for two years or more and in spite of all I could do had the rights taken away. I did not think the rulings of the Superior Court were just in several instances and do not yet, and we appealed the matter to the Supreme Court, but advised on account of the men who were on that court that we might not come out any better there, and so settled the matter out of court and let the case drop. We got less clear money than we would have if we had never had a trial, and as I have said, others that went to trial had a good deal the same experience.

The reason why I refer to these old matters is that they occurred many years ago and people forget. Also that new people have come in to the neighborhood and do not know the facts about these forced sales and condemnations of the riparian rights to the flowing water in Alameda Creek. Even at the time of these condemnations, for they were all practically condemnations as the right to condemn was held over the heads of the riparian owners like a club if any one refused the price offered the other landowners in the valley felt that they were being injured by the taking of the percolating water, and while there had been no legal decisions on the matter, the Spring Valley company evidently feared that some case would be brought up against them for if they heard of any one who was especially quiet in his complaints they would loud him by digging his well down to the necessary depth to get water again. It must have been a very anxious time for the Spring Valley authorities until five years had passed from the time they first took the water and again for five years from the time they increased their takings at the Sunol Dam and obtained the right by prescription to what they had taken by force, for they were probably fully advised by their attorneys that they could be enjoined at any time by any land owner in the valley who could show damage.

Up to the time of the Katz-Valkinshaw case in southern California there had of course been no legal decision on the matter of percolating water but that case was very clear and has been reaffirmed several times since. I am informed. It seems to clearly apply to the rights in this valley to the water in the gravel at least in so far as they have not been lost through prescription to the various water companies.

A man must not "sleep on his rights" and this is exactly what the landowners have done in this valley and they have by that means lost immensely valuable rights.

The question is will they wake up and get together now? I hope they will, but if they are to do so there must be no politics in the matter and there must be men in charge of it who have the confidence of the landowners of the valley.

I am not a lawyer and do not claim to know much about the technicalities of the matter but I believe while much has been lost there is still time to save what is left if the affair is taken up promptly and carried through with vigor, honesty and wisdom.

The past winter was one of scanty rain and the present summer is showing us that our fruits and late crops can not mature properly without irrigation now that the water is so deep down in the gravel. The water table in the Niles gravel fan is sinking about 12 inches per week and a number of wells have recently gone dry that never did in the driest years before. We have probably 12 to 14 weeks for this lowering to continue before the winter creek flow.

What will be the results if the flood water is cut off in the mountains by dams each year as it was this year by natural causes and furthermore an increasing amount is drawn out along the bay shore and taken to Oakland?

We must protect what we have left.

J. C. SHINN,
Chairman Water Committee.

Announcement To the Public:

We desire to announce to our friends throughout the township and the public generally that we have purchased the store formerly conducted by E. N. Babb Co., of Irvington and will continue to conduct the same as a first-class General Merchandise Store, carrying complete lines of reputable goods in every department. We intend to sell at prices that will be consistent with quality, and it will be our aim to give prompt and courteous attention to all.

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